

# BUSINESS NEWS

## Celebrate Small Business Saturday in Calvert County



Small Business Saturday is Nov. 30 and now is the time to plan on leveraging this opportunity to highlight your business.

Falling on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday is when locally owned shops and businesses across the nation offer special events and promotions as incentive for residents to do more holiday spending in their own community.

Last year, U.S. consumers spent a reported \$17.8 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday. Let's capitalize on that excitement.

Join us in promoting the rich variety of Calvert County's local business community. Plan now to hold an event or offer coupons or discounts for holiday shoppers. Let us know your plans by filling out [this form](#) and we will feature your promotions on the Calvert Shop Local page of the [eCalvert.com](http://eCalvert.com) website. Promote your participation by using the #CalvertShopLocal social media hashtag and campaign logo, which is available on the [Calvert Shop Local webpage](#).

For more information, please contact Business Retention Specialist Kathy MacAdams at 410-535-4583 or [via email](#).

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## PATRIOT Receives Comptroller's Award

Dunkirk's PATRIOT Construction received Comptroller Peter Franchot's *Cornerstone Award for Local Business Excellence*. Given to one company from each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions, the award was created to celebrate local businesses that strengthen Maryland's economy, generate jobs and tax revenue and develop new ideas that more effectively deliver services and products within the marketplace.

John Gilmore and Matt Timbario founded PATRIOT in 2009 as a service-disabled, Veteran-owned small business. They offer full-service facilities and infrastructure solutions to project owners around the world. While they have grown into one of the largest companies in the mid-Atlantic, the PATRIOT team continues to focus on their founding principle of giving back to the citizens of their local community.

In the last five years, PATRIOT has donated over \$300,000 to Calvert Family Advocates, helping more than 650 Calvert County citizens. PATRIOT also supports the Calvert



Congratulations to the PATRIOT team on their well-deserved recognition!

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## Interlude Pet Resort & Spa Celebrates 20 Years

In celebration of 20 years in business, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and Calvert County Chamber of Commerce recently joined **Interlude Pet Resort & Spa** for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Located in St. Leonard, Interlude offers boarding, grooming and doggie daycare services. Owners Lisa Deffinbaugh and Leslie Berg have over 40 years of combined experience and believe in offering quality care and services.

Join us in congratulating Interlude Pet Resort & Spa on their 20 years!

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## US Census Counts



The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. Make sure you're counted because an accurate snapshot means communities across the nation receive the funding, services and business support they deserve and need. All responses are confidential.

To learn how the US Census Bureau protects your information, visit **2020census.gov**.

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## Transportation Plan

On Sept. 26, 2019, the Planning Commission received a presentation on the draft Transportation Plan. During the comment period of the draft plan, staff received comments from 11 individuals including citizens and staff. Based on those comments, edits were made to the draft (indicated by the green highlights in the plan). A redesigned and updated draft plan was presented to the Planning Commission at the meeting and hard copies made available to the public. The Planning Commission voted to recommend this draft plan for 60-day agency review.



View the revised **draft Calvert County Transportation Plan here (PDF)**.

Public comments on the revised draft can be sent to **pz@calvertcountymd.gov**.

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The \$20 million Climate Change Investment Initiative (2c2i), launched by the Exelon Foundation and Exelon Corporation, was created to fund startups that focus on clean energy and the environment as a key piece of their business. The goal is to invest in

startups that complement the Exelon Foundation's philanthropic goals while providing startups with access to Exelon Corporation's internal company accelerators and incubators that launch and scale businesses.

2c2i will concentrate on startups doing work on greenhouse gas mitigation or building local resiliency through climate change adaptation strategies and which support achieving city sustainability goals focusing on issues that improve energy efficiency, create resiliency to climate change risks and further electrification of transportation. For more information, visit <http://exelonfoundation.org/> or email [exelonfoundation@exeloncorp.com](mailto:exelonfoundation@exeloncorp.com).

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## Visit Calvert County is Now on Facebook!

Festivals, concerts, cruises and more – there's always something to do in Calvert County. The Calvert County Department of Economic Development wants to make it easy for you to be in the know about what's happening and when.

Visit our newly launched [Visit Calvert County Facebook page](#) to stay connected.

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## Non-Employer Survey



**ARE YOU ONE OF  
THE 25,000  
NONEMPLOYER  
BUSINESSES IN  
SOUTHERN  
MARYLAND?**

**WE NEED YOUR  
FEEDBACK.**

**PLEASE TAKE A QUICK SURVEY AT  
[WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/SOMD-NE](http://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/SOMD-NE).**

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